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Bellingham Bay

NOAA Chart 18424

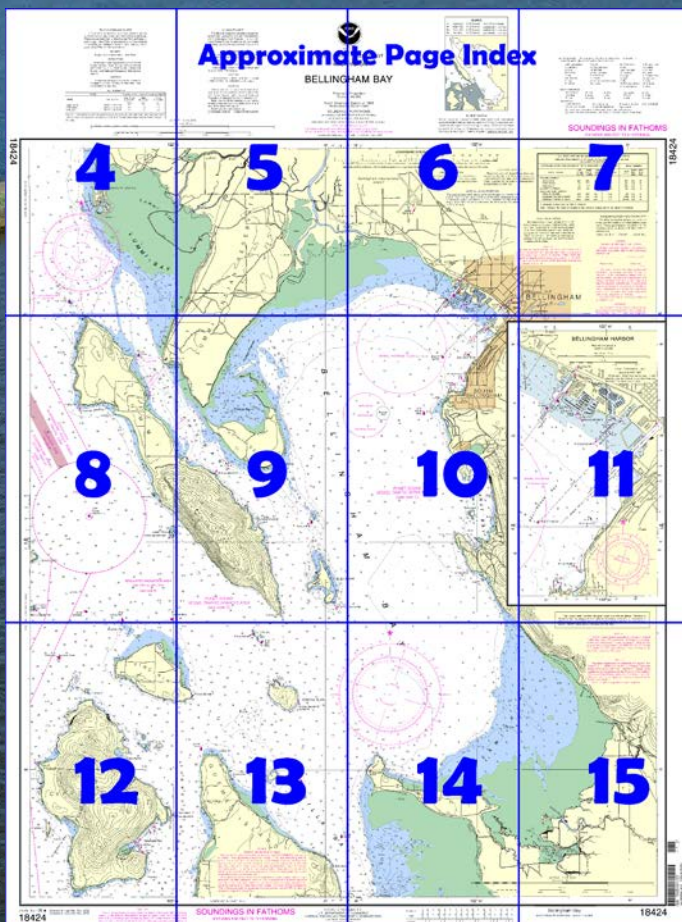


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What is a BookletChart™?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Bird Rocks are near the middle of Rosario Strait, about 2 miles WNW of Burrows Island Light. The southernmost is 37 feet high. There is deep water close-to, and passage may be made on either side of the rocks.

Belle Rock, bare at extreme low water and marked by a light, is about 0.5 mile NE of Bird Rocks. Belle Rock can be passed about 0.6 mile to the E by keeping **Tide Point**, the W extremity of Cypress Island, and **Lawrence Point**, the E end of Orcas Island.

Rosario Strait is generally clear, with great depths, except for the following principal offshore dangers:

Kellett Ledge, 2 miles N of Point Colville, extends 700 yards off **Cape St. Mary**, on the SE part of Lopez Island. The ledge is marked by kelp and a buoy, and uncovers at the lowest tides. In 2000, two shoal spots were reported E of the ledge. The first shoal was about 550 yards E in about 48°26'58"N., 122°47'13"W. with a depth of about 7 fathoms. The second shoal about 700 yards E in about 48°26'57"N., 122°47'05"W. with a depth of about 8 fathoms.

James Island is close off **Decatur Head**, the E end of Decatur Island, and between the two is a deep but narrow passage; on the island are two hills with heights of 260 and 219 feet.

Pointer Island, 16 feet high, is 0.3 mile off the SE shore of Blakely Island, and **Black Rock**, 4 feet high and marked by a light, is 0.5 mile off the E shore of the island.

Cypress Island, 1,530 feet high, steep on the lower slopes and gently rounding at the top, is on the E side of Rosario Strait and opposite Blakely Island. From S it appears to lie in the middle of Rosario Strait. A shoal extends about 0.4 mile S from **Reef Point**, the SW tip of Cypress Island. A lighted buoy is about 0.7 mile S of Reef Point. Vessels rounding the point should not attempt to pass between the buoy and the point as submerged piles and heavy kelp may exist in that area.

Strawberry Island, small, low, and wooded, is about 400 yards off the W shore of Cypress Island. Passage E of it is not recommended. An indifferent anchorage may be had in **Strawberry Bay** in 7 fathoms; it is seldom used.

Lydia Shoal, covered 4 fathoms and marked on its S side by a lighted gong buoy, is 1 mile E of Obstruction Pass Light. **Peapod Rocks**, marked by a light on the largest rock of the group at the N end, are 1 mile S of Lawrence Point on Orcas Island. This group of islands extends about 1 mile in a NE direction, some 0.5 mile from the Orcas Island shore, which is fringed with rocks and reefs.

Anchorage.—The bottom mud is a thin accumulation over hardpan, and is not good holding ground in heavy weather. A **general anchorage** and an **explosives anchorage** are in the bay. (See **110.1** and **110.230**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) Good holding ground may be found just N of **Governors Point**, near the S end of Chuckanut Bay.

Pilotage, Bellingham.—Pilotage is compulsory for all vessels except those under enrollment or engaged exclusively in the coasting trade on the W coast of the continental United States (including Alaska) and/or British Columbia. Pilotage for Bellingham is provided by the Puget Sound Pilots. (See Pilotage, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, indexed as such, early this chapter.)

Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.—(See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and Appendix A for addresses.)

Quarantine is enforced in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Public Health Service. (See Public Health Service, chapter 1.)

Bellingham is a **customs port of entry**.

Note: If a tug is not furnished, the use of an anchor in docking is recommended when winds prevail. Vessels backing out of the Whatcom Creek Waterway channel must stay in the axis of the channel until abeam of Starr Rock Buoy to avoid shoal water on either side.

Blaine, a small town on the NE shore of Drayton Harbor, is a **customs port of entry**.

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U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

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Commander
13th CG District
Seattle, WA

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Table of Selected Chart Notes

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

CANADIAN WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The National Weather Service station listed below provides continuous marine weather broadcasts. The range of reception is variable, but for most stations is usually 20 to 40 miles from the antenna site.

Vancouver, B. C. CFA-240 162.400 MHz

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the U. S. Coast Guard, Geological Survey, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

CAUTION

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POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

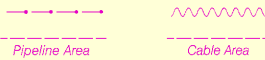
WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.616" southward and 4.618" westward to agree with this chart.

NOTE E

Submerged debris exists in the waters along the formerly industrialized areas of northeast Bellingham Bay between South Bellingham and the Squalicum Creek Waterway. These debris are not hazardous to surface navigation, but render these areas unsuitable for anchoring.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

○ (Accurate location) ○ (Approximate location)

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

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SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS
(FATHOMS AND FEET TO ELEVEN FATHOMS)
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 7. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 13th Coast Guard District in Seattle, Washington or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Seattle, Washington.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

NOTE C

The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system in the Puget Sound area. Vessel operating procedures and designated radiotelephone frequencies are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast Pilot, and/or the VTS User's Manual. The entire area of the chart falls within the VTS system.

NOTE B

Mariners are cautioned that the Whatcom County Ferry and/or local government may deviate from the published standard routes due to inclement weather, traffic conditions, navigational hazards or other emergency conditions. Standard ferry routes within the waters of the San Juan Islands are not displayed on this chart.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The areas labeled NWR (National Wildlife Refuge) are closed to the public to protect breeding colonies of seabirds, endangered and threatened species, and marine mammals. Boaters are requested to stay at least 200 yards away from these islands to avoid disturbance to these animals.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

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COLREGS, 80.1390 (see note A)

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

NOTE D

TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

One-way traffic lanes overprinted on this chart are RECOMMENDED for use by all vessels traveling between the points involved. They have been designated to aid in the prevention of collisions in the Puget Sound and Strait of Georgia waters, but are not intended in any way to supersede or alter the applicable Rules of the Road. Separation zones are intended to separate inbound and outbound traffic and to be free of ship traffic. Separation Zones should not be used except for crossing purposes. When crossing traffic lanes and separation zones, use extreme caution.

Precautionary Areas have been established where major lanes merge and cross the traffic separation scheme. It is recommended that vessels proceed with caution in these areas. Wherever practical, vessels entering or leaving the system should do so at these precautionary areas. For more information regarding Traffic Separation Scheme procedures and regulations, see 33 CFR 167 and / or chapter 2 of the U.S. Coast Pilot.

TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
		Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
NAME (LAT/LONG)		feet	feet	feet
Eagle Harbor (48°35' N/122°42' W)		8.2	7.4	2.4
Point Migley (48°45' N/122°43' W)		8.6	7.8	2.6
Bellingham (48°45' N/122°30' W)		8.5	7.8	2.4

Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. (Dec 2010)

I. & J. STREET, WHATCOM AND SQUALICUM CREEK WATERWAYS CHANNEL DEPTHS TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - REPORT OF AUG 2005 AND SURVEYS TO MAY 2005

CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)					PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH (MLLW FEET)
WHATCOM WATERWAY							
OUTER REACH	23.1	30.3	31.1	2-96	363	0.62	30
MIDDLE REACH	9.3	22.1	16.7	2-96	363	0.36	30
INNER REACH	2.1	1.7	8.7	2-96	363	0.12	18
I&J STREET WATERWAY	16.5	16.3	12.9	11-92	100	0.53	18
SQUALICUM CREEK WATERWAY							
ENTRANCE CHANNEL	28.1	28.8	28.7	5-05	200	0.34	26
SOUTHWEST PORTION OF BASIN	27.6	29.0	28.3	5-05	0-295	0.13	26
NORTHEAST PORTION OF BASIN	A26.2	A28.2	A28.4	5-05	200-295	0.28	26

A. SHOALING TO BARE LAST 200 FEET OF PROJECT.

NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

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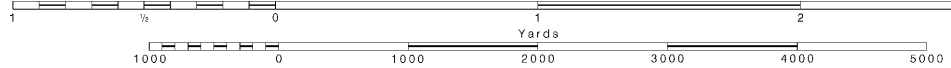
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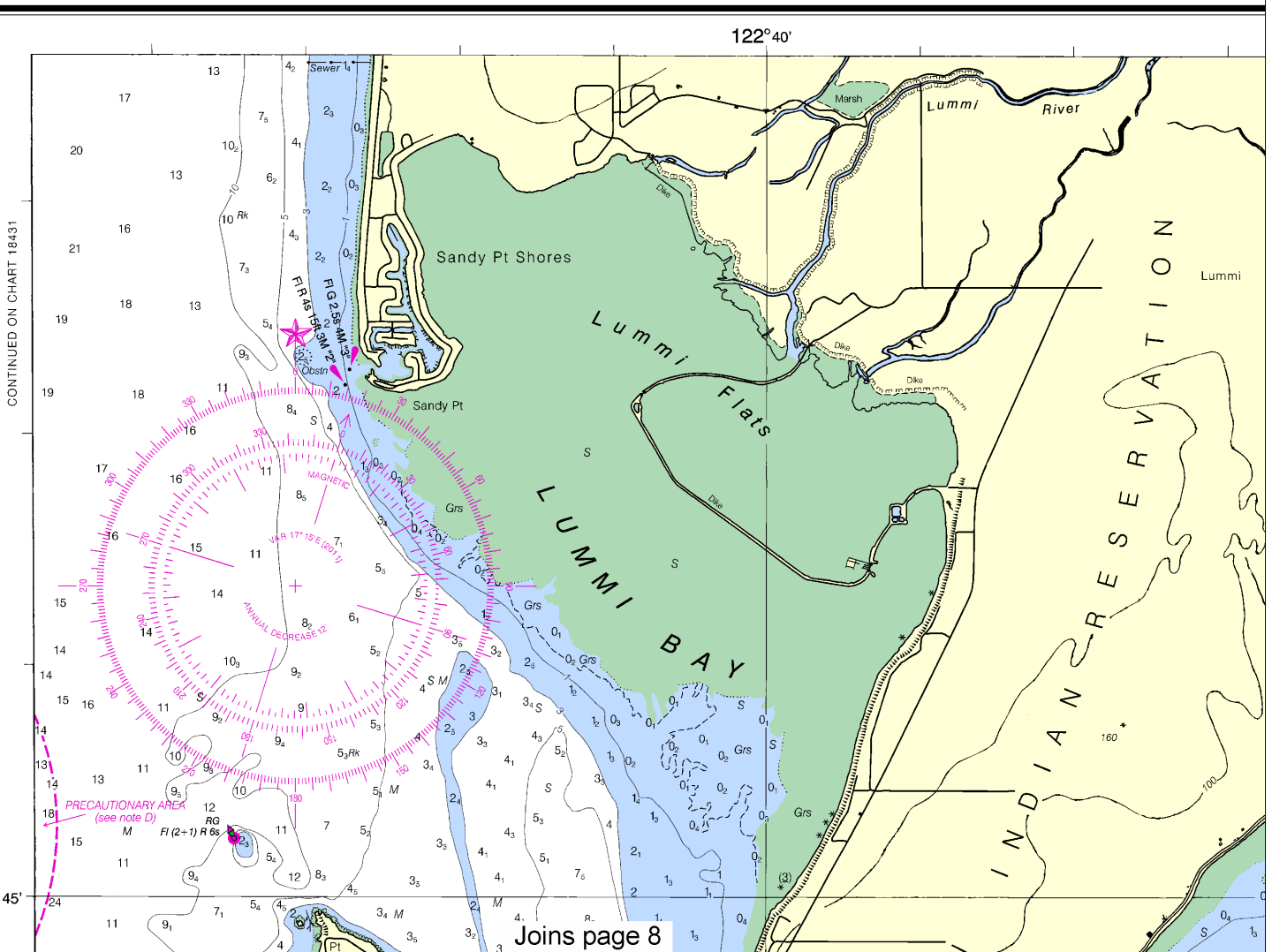
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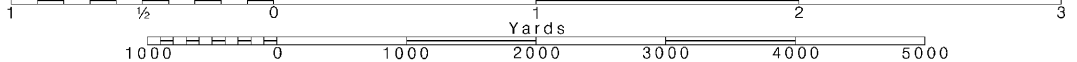
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UNITED STATES -- WEST COAST

WASHINGTON

BELLINGHAM BAY

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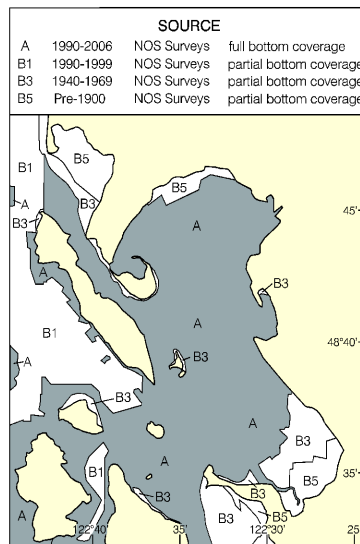
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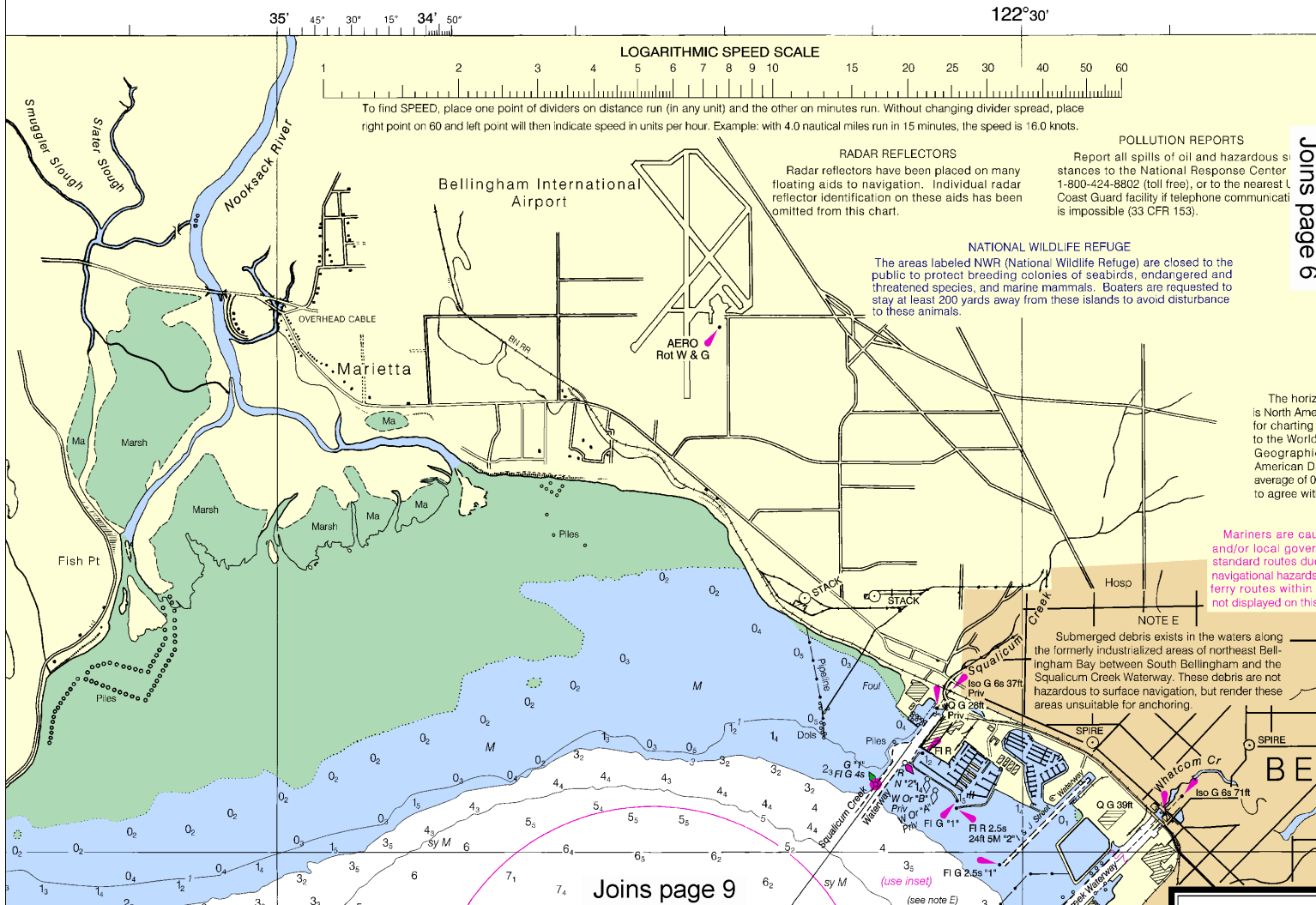
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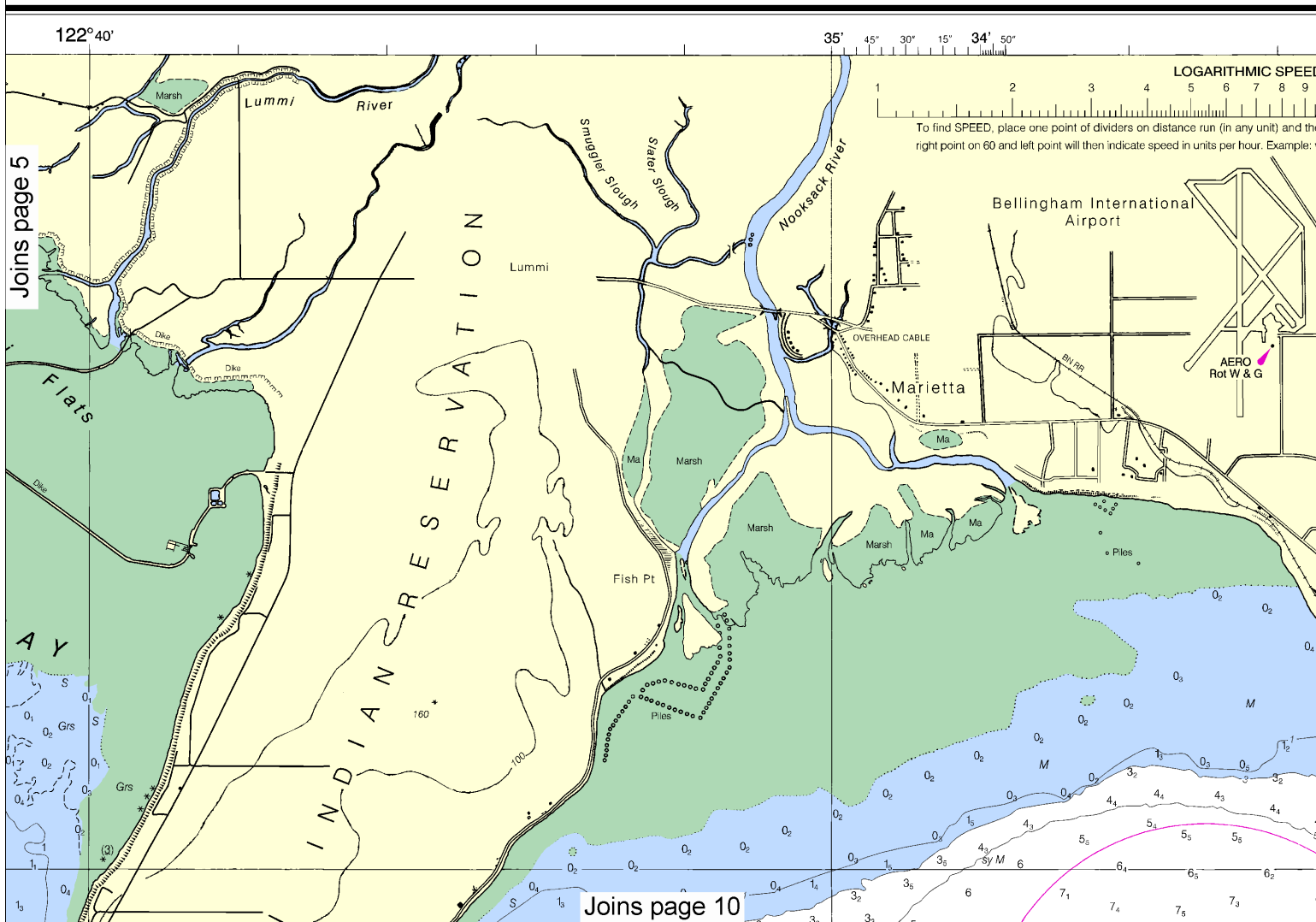
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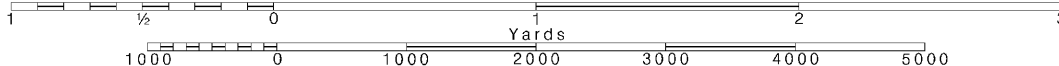
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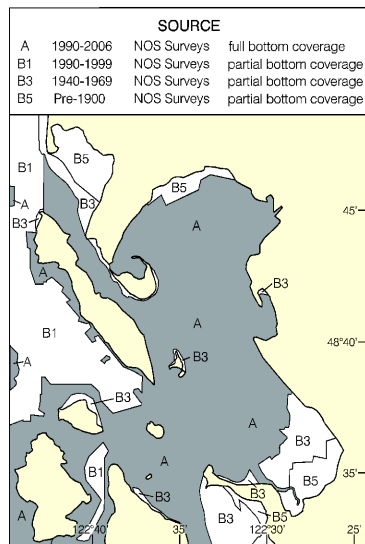
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ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	R TR radio tower
Al alternating	IQ interrupted quick	N nun	Rot rotating
B black	Is isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT LD lighthouse	Oc occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles
D/A diaphone	m minutes	Q red	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
Fl flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WH-S whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

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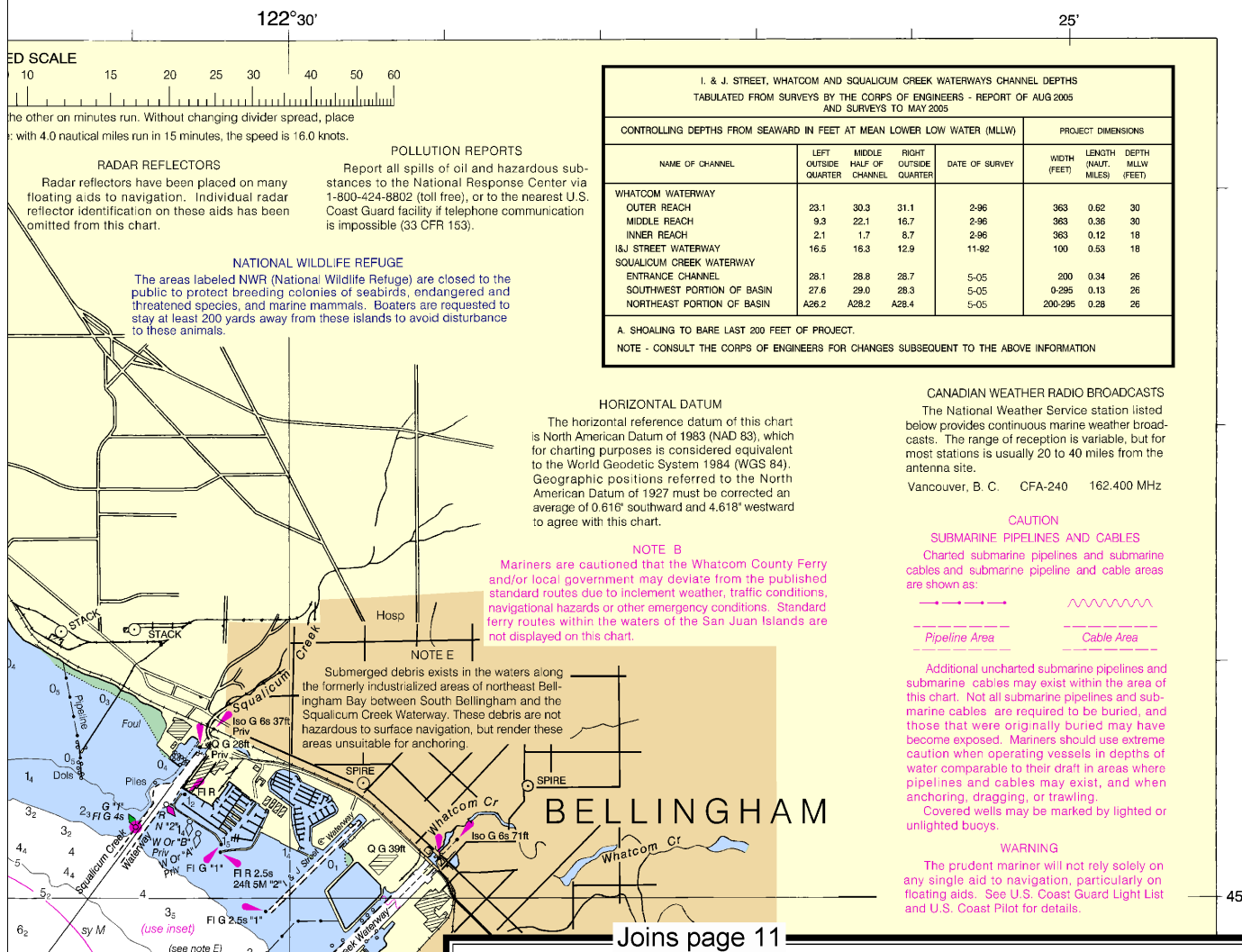
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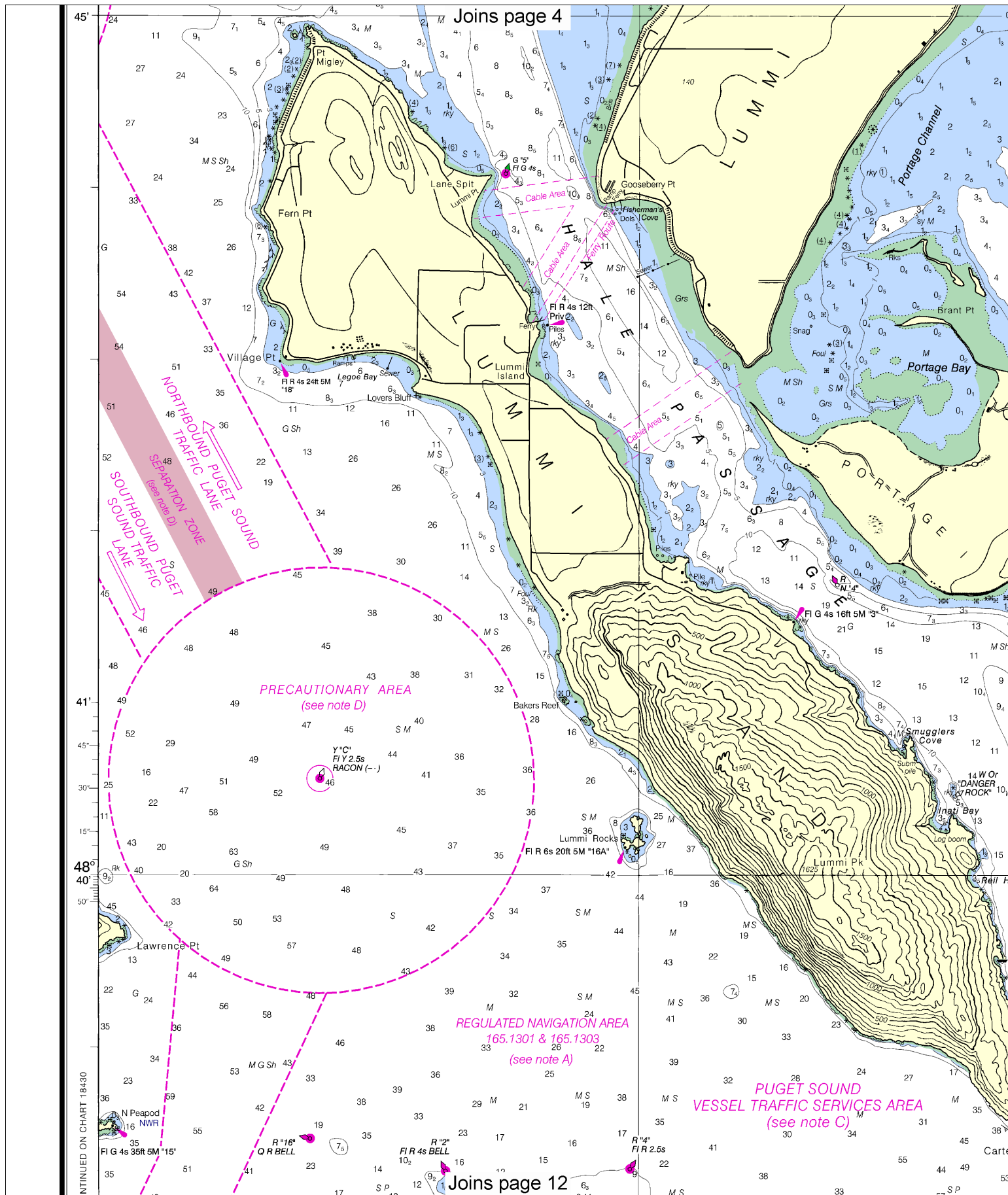
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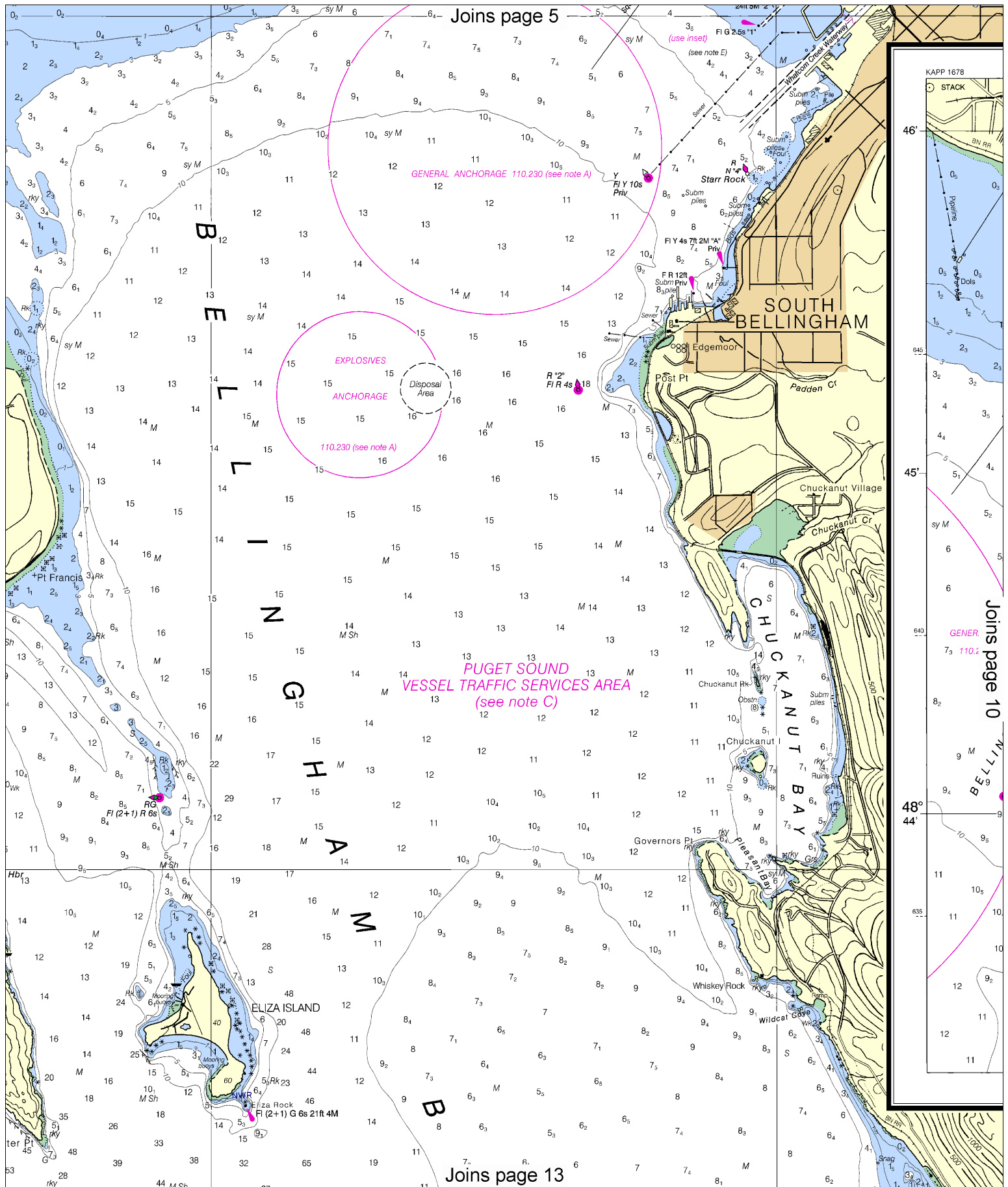
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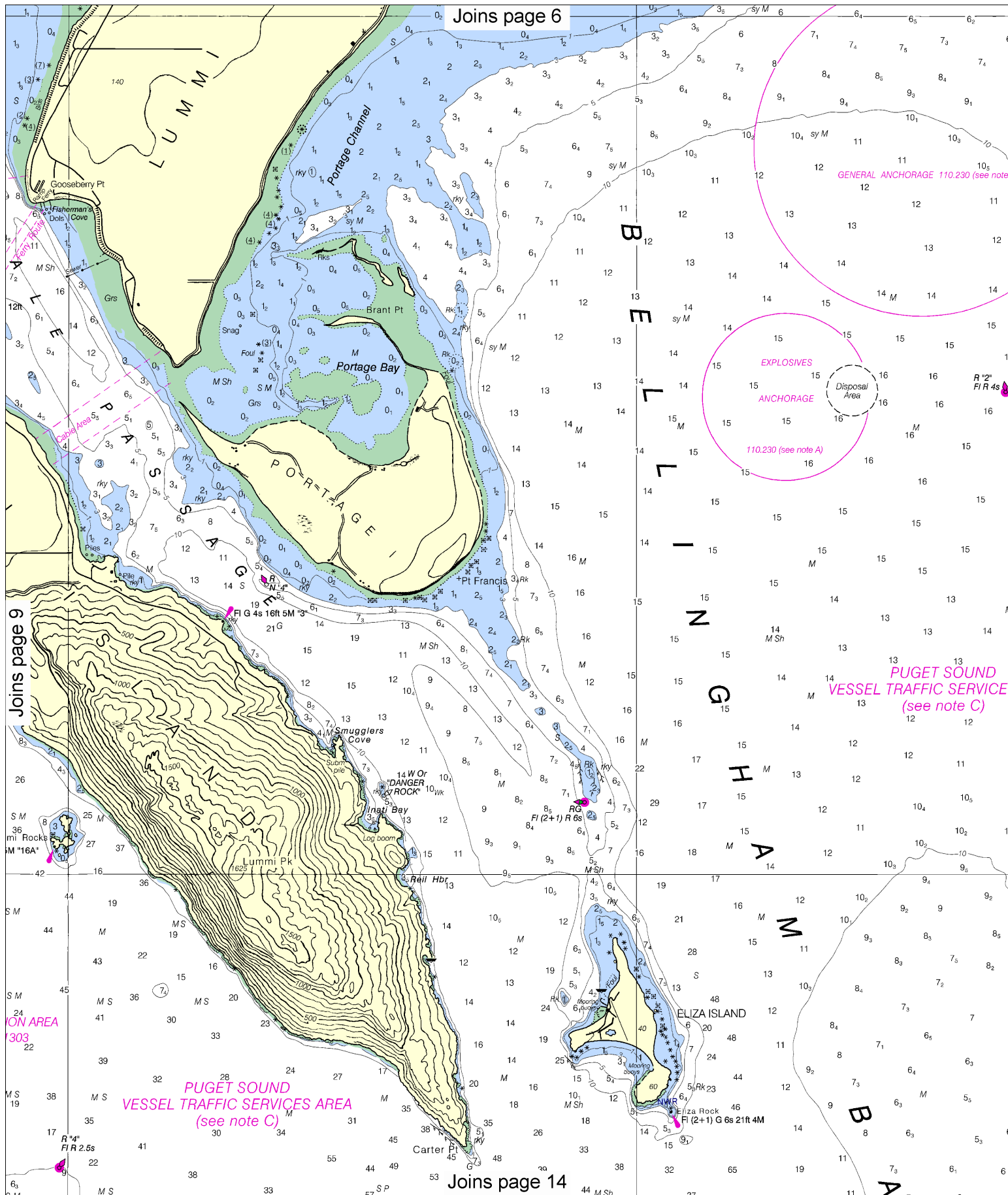
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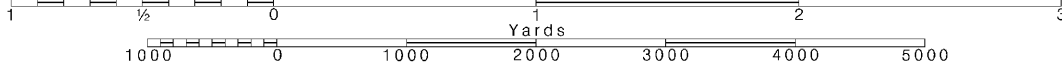
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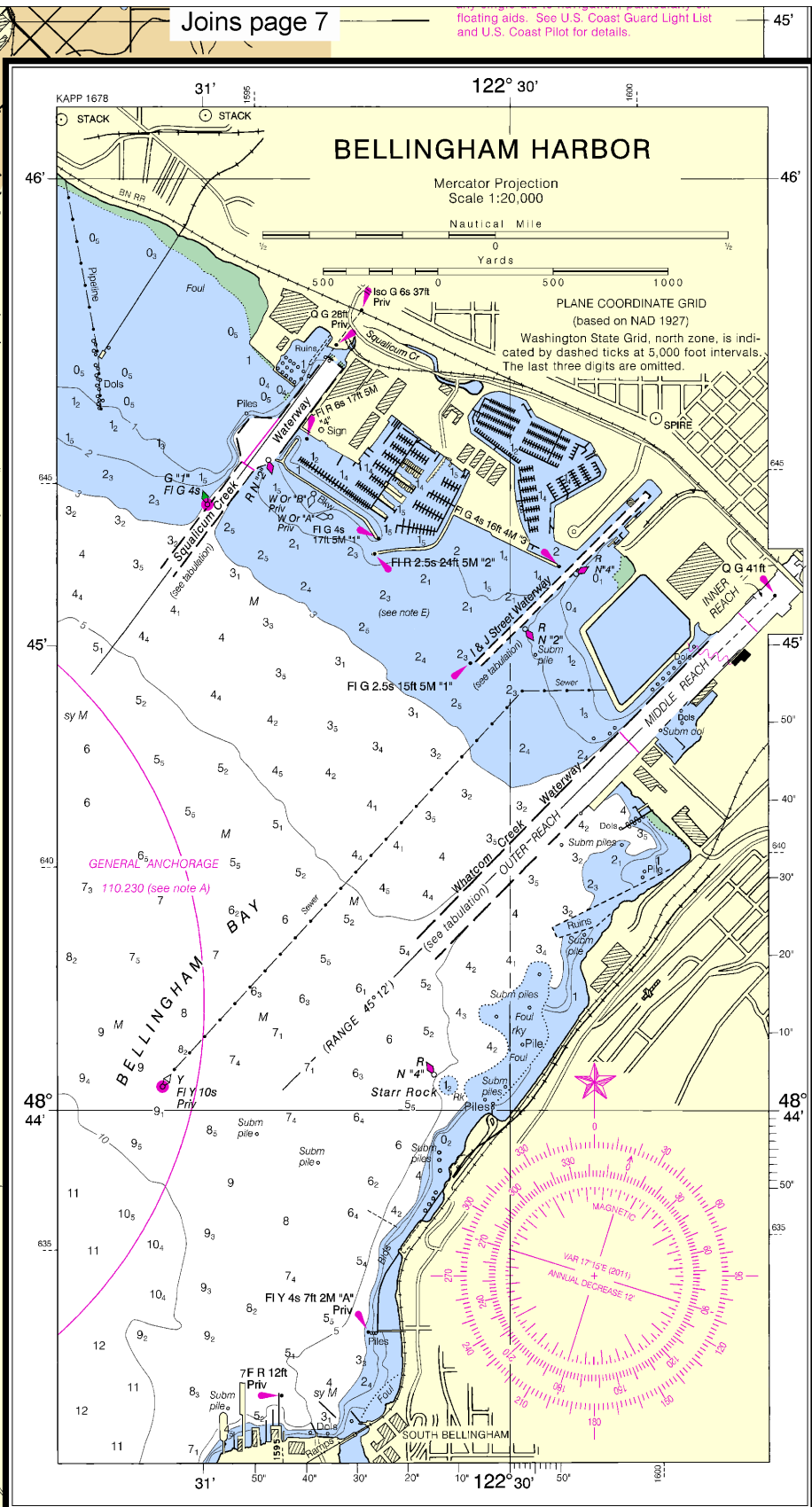
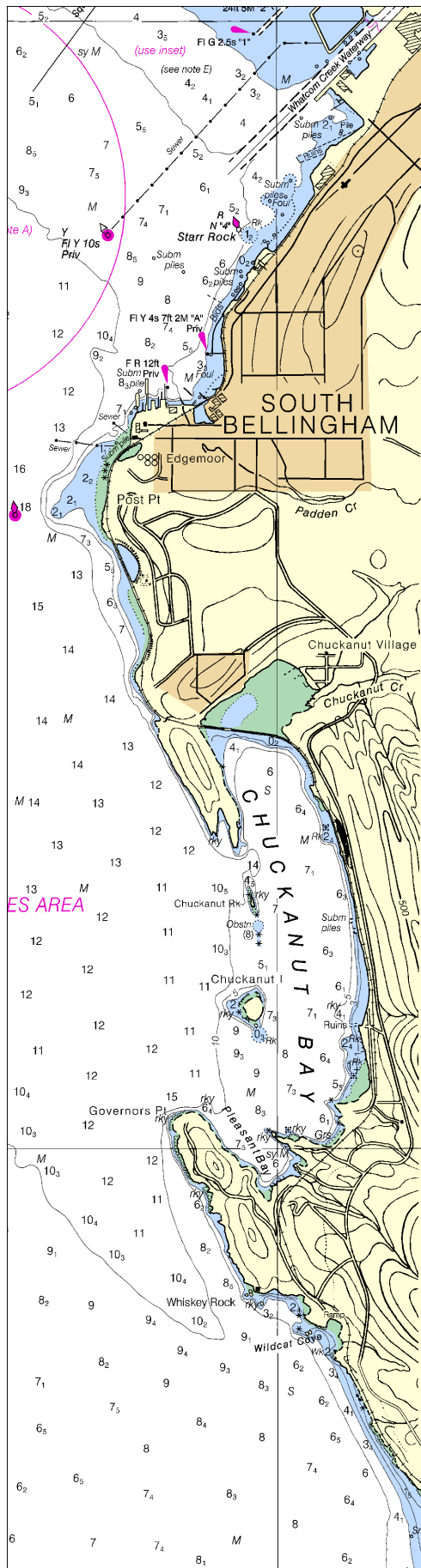
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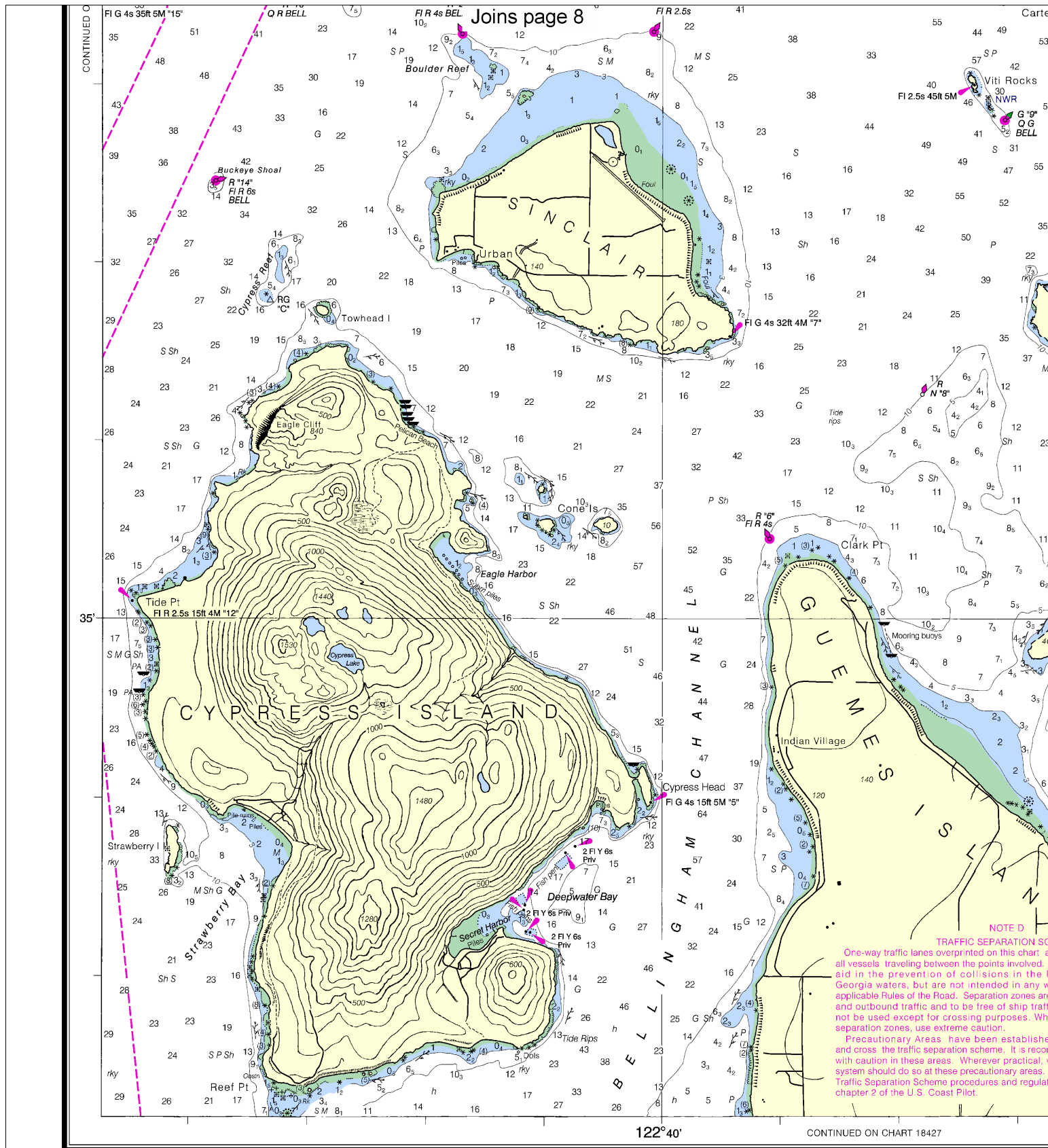


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floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

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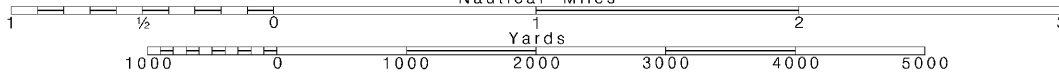
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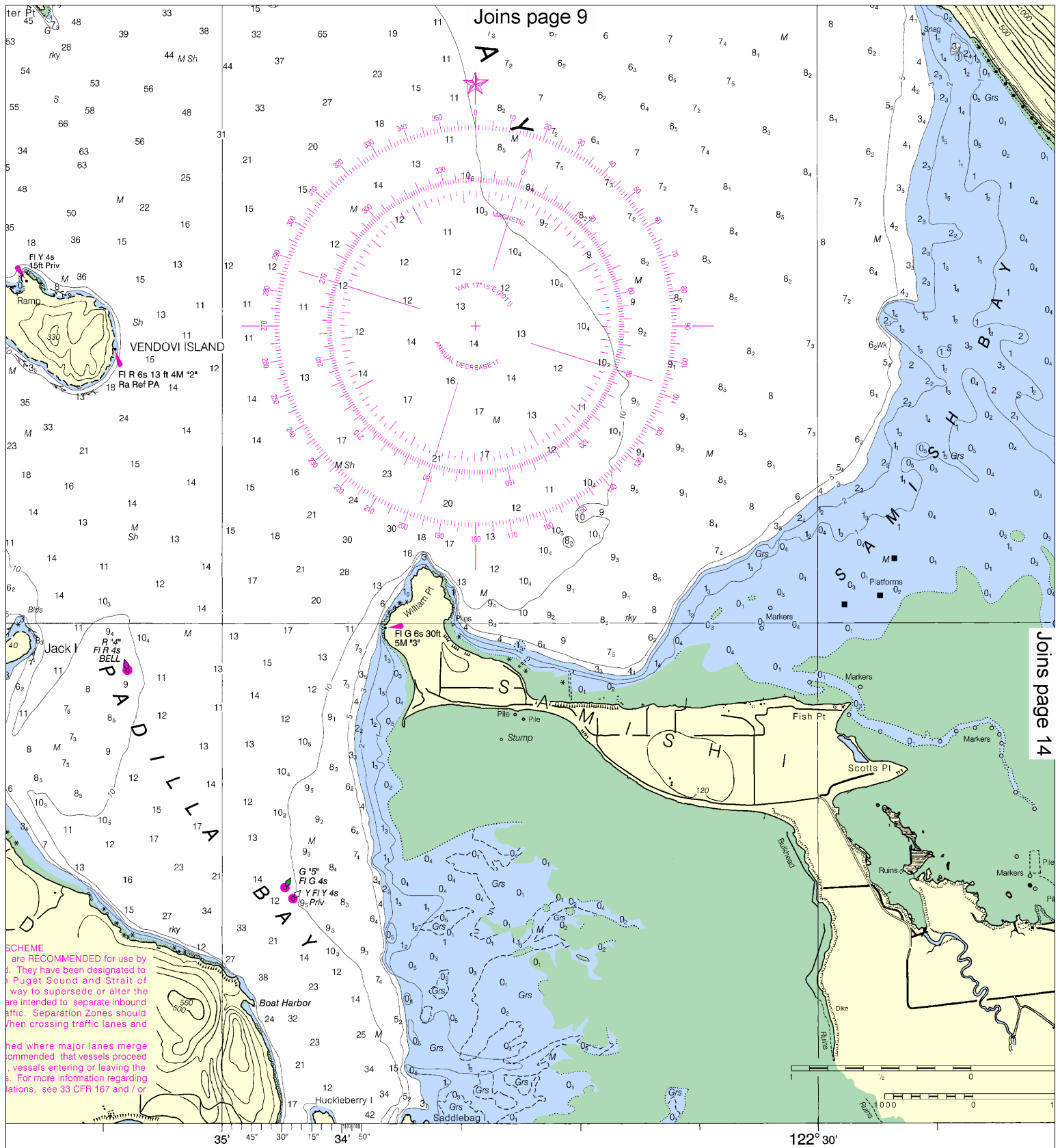
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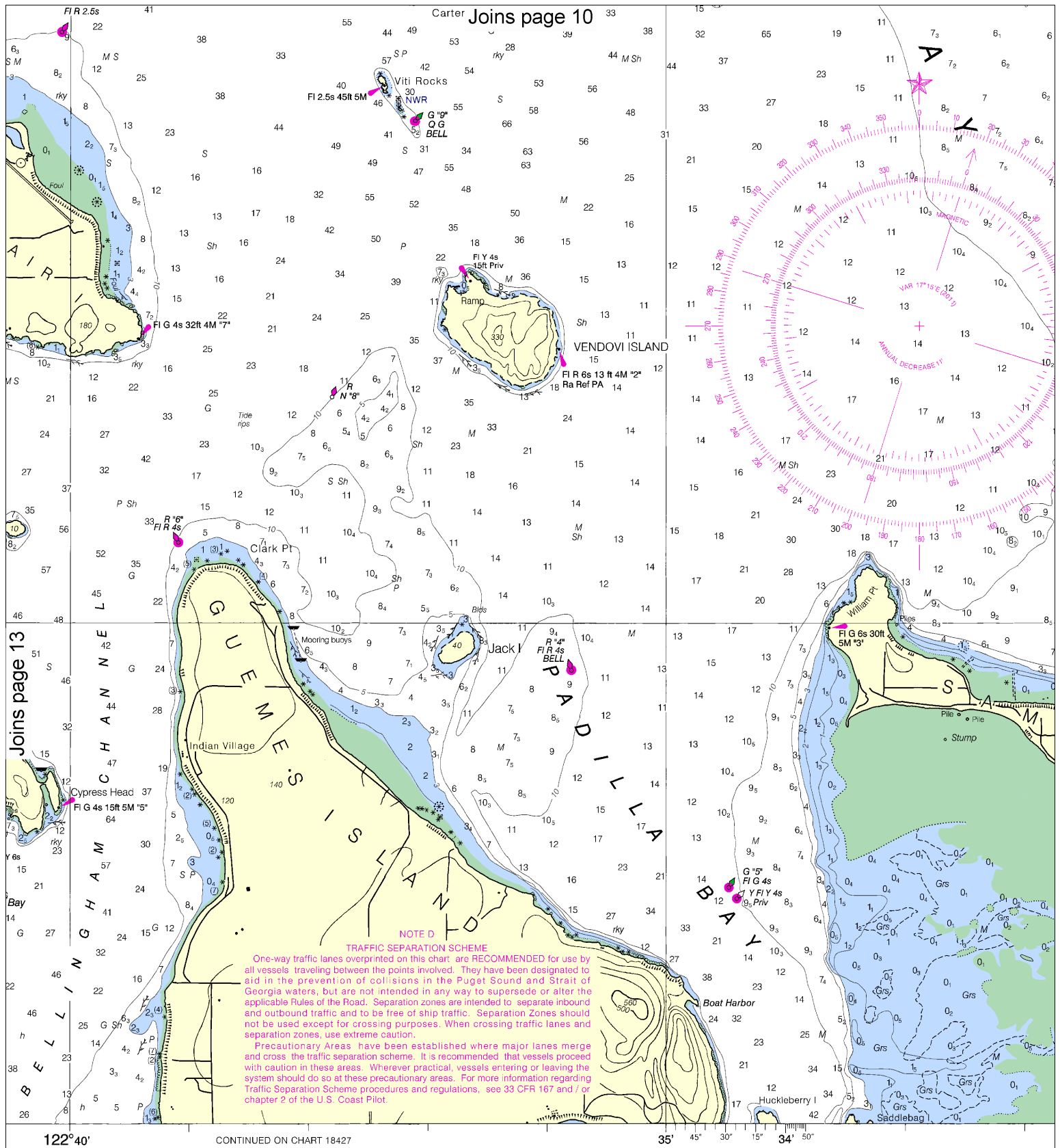




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COAST SURVEY

FATHOMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
FEET	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102
METERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17



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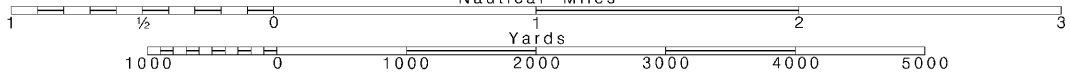
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Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

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Nautical Miles

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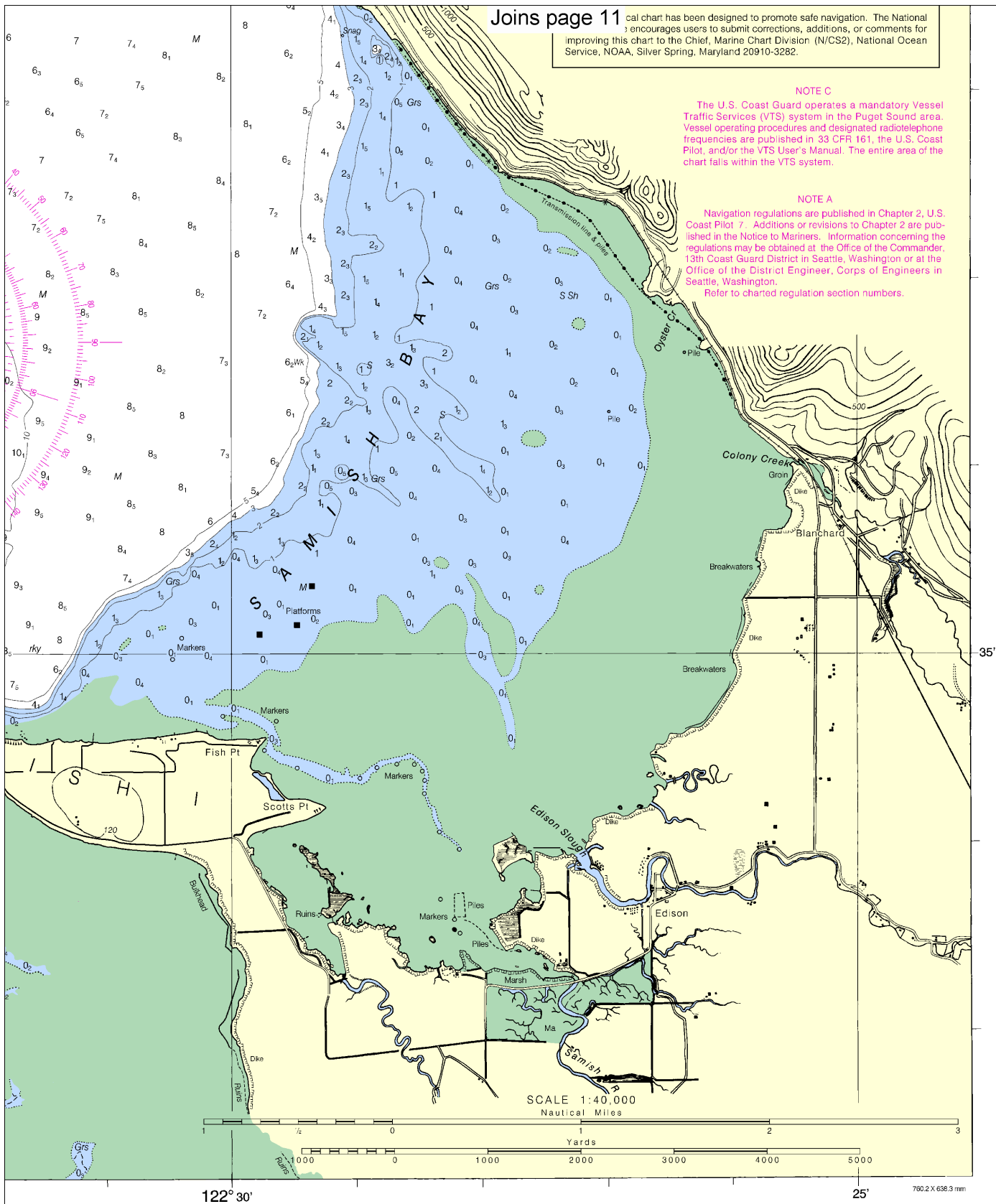
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NOTE C

The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system in the Puget Sound area. Vessel operating procedures and designated radiotelephone frequencies are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast Pilot, and/or the VTS User's Manual. The entire area of the chart falls within the VTS system.

NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 7. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 13th Coast Guard District in Seattle, Washington or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Seattle, Washington. Refer to charted regulation section numbers.



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Nautical Miles

122° 30'

25'

760.2 X 638.3 mm

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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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